



*Save Every Child*  
*Transforming urban America through Education and Policy Reform*

September 2024

Dear Supporter of our great community & children,

Friday, May 13, 2022 was a sad day for Nashville. We lost one of its most dedicated advocates for education of at-risk children, Sister Sandra Smithson, OSF. Dedicated to lifting families out of poverty, Sister knew education was the answer to ending this generational problem. Together with her sister Mary Craighead, Project Reflect was founded in 1992 to assist the increasing number of Nashville children failing their public school education.

Sister wanted us to 'Reflect' on solutions that bring an end to generational poverty. Beginning as a small after-school and summer program, Project Reflect is now a thriving Kinder to 5th grade charter school, serving over 325 scholars (with an additional 30 preschoolers) living out the mission of empowering underachieving students with the skills to become architects of their own lives. Thirty-two years later there is a lot to brag about and much more to accomplish.

Committed to Sister's vision for Project Reflect and to ensure its future of helping thousands of more children, we are establishing a Sister Sandra Memorial Fund. We invite you to be part of our 'Joy of Generosity' campaign event. Your presence is welcomed on Sister Sandra's birthday, March 3, 2025 for an informal reception at 12 noon to be held at Smithson Craighead Academy, 730 Neelys Bend Rd, Madison, TN 37115. At that time we will share the good news of our growth as well as how you can help us continue Sister's ministry.

We have several "happy concerns" you can be a part of if you are unable to attend. They are:  
a fully funded Pre-K program,  
expanding the facility to accommodate our increasing enrollment, and  
funding a unique tutoring program and after-school programs.

Any way that you are able to assist, the words of Sister Sandra will resonate:

*"Your gift then is a gift not just to a moment of relief or a hand-out but rather a hand-up that will help these children achieve the full potential of their lives. For this, I cannot thank you enough." ~ Sister Sandra Smithson*

A response to Michael Grant, Fundraising Committee Chair, by February 14, 2025 via email at [mikeagrants@hotmail.com](mailto:mikeagrants@hotmail.com) would be greatly appreciated. Project Reflect, the parent company of Smithson Craighead Academy (serving over 325 students) and the Sims Early Learning Pre-K Center, is a 501(c)(3), nonprofit tax exempt organization. All checks should be made payable to Project Reflect Inc. and sent to the mailing information listed below.

Sincerely,

James Cobb, Board of Directors Chair

Mark Faulkner, Corporate Membership Chair

Michael Grant, Fundraising Committee Chair